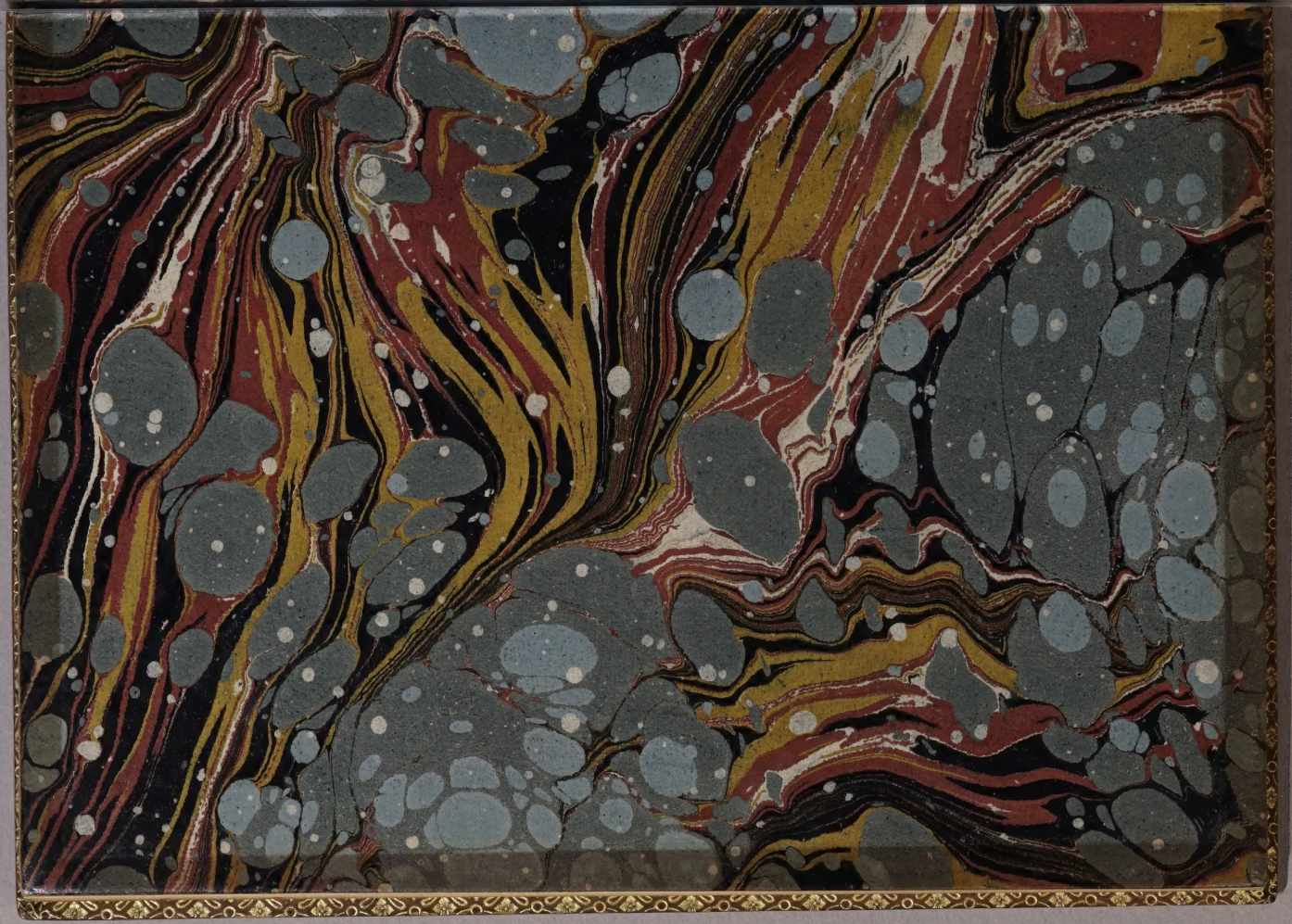

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AN EPISTLE,

Containing A

SALUTATION

TO ALL

Faithful Friends,

A Reproof to the Unfaithful;

AND A

Visitation to the Enquiring,

In a Solemn *FAREWELL* to them all in the Land of my Nativity.

A Salutation to the Faithful.

YE are beloved of me above all the Sons and Daughters of Men, who have received and bowed to the blessed Appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ in your Hearts, and that have not counted any thing dear for the Testimony of his Cross and Gospel, but have unfeignedly loved and obey'd his *Light* within,

within, and not been afraid to confeſs it without: You that have not been offended in him, though the World hath not received him, but bitterly mocked and perſecuted his ſaving Appearance; To you doth my Soul reach, in the Love which many Waters cannot quench, nor Time, nor Diſtance wear away, beſeeching the God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to be with you, and bleſs you with his abundant Goodneſs and Mercy. Oh, Friends! go on, you are called to an high and heavenly Calling, the Trumpet hath given you a certain Sound; follow your Captain, be Valiant, fight the good Fight of *Faith*, lay hold on Eternal Life, that you may finiſh your Courſe with Joy; a *Crown* is at the end, a *Diadem* that will never fade away, the *Reward* of the *Righteous* at the end of all his Troubles.

Dear Friends, Love the Truth in your Hearts, be inward to the Lord, that you may grow in the Life and Wiſdom of it; And keep all your Meetings in the Faith and Power of God; and love and honour the Brethren that labour in Word and Doctrine: Be diligent in his Work, and that will make you Rich in the Heavens that will never paſs away. Have a Godly Care over your Children and Families, and let your Converſation be in Heaven, and the Earth under your Feet. Oh! ye that received the Truth for the Truth's ſake, who have loved it above all, and for it left all, that being tried, fainted not, but endured; and who to this Day have not ſought your ſelves, but the Lord, and have counted nothing dear, that you might lift up his Name amongſt men, who being *reviled*, have *bleſſed*; and being *perſecuted*, have *ſuffered*; and being *defamed*, have yet *entreated*; and are to this day *tempted*, *buffited*, and accounted by too many as the *Off-ſcouring of the Land*; be not diſcomforted,

comforted, but *Gird up the Loins of your Minds, be ſober, watch, pray and hope to the End; for through many Tribulations are we to enter the Reſt and City of God.* And yet, what if I ſhould ſay, *That the Days of Sorrow and Sighing will even here have an end; And that the Peace, Righteouſneſs and Glory of the latter Days are juſt at the door! Beloved Friends,* As Clay is in the hand of the Potter, ſo let us be in the hands of our God, ſo will he manifeſt himſelf through us, and confound the Wiſdom and Oppoſition of this World. Nothing can hurt us, but our own *Unfaithfulneſs*; for the God that hath called us, is *All-powerful, All-knowing* and *All-preſent*, and hath given to us that believe, the Witneſs in our ſelves, which is the *Unerring Way of the Lord*; ſo that our Religion is of *Emanuel, God with us*, who hath the Words of Eternal Life. He that cured the Ruler's Son by his divine Preſence in his Bodily Abſence, he alſo is preſent with us in Spirit, *in the Fire, in the Water, by Sea, and by Land,* he worketh Wonders upon both, who is Glorious in Holineſs, and Fearful in Praiſes, in the Congregations of his Children: In him I *Love* you, in him I *Salute* you, and in him I dearly bid you all *Farewell.* His Grace, Mercy and Peace be with you all, and the Bleſſings of his Life and Preſence forever reſt upon you: *Amen.*

Your faithful Friend and Brother,

William Penn.

A Reproof to the Unfaithful.

HOw long ſhall the Spirit of the Lord ſtrive with you, O ye Careleſs and Unfaithful Ones! who are convinced of the Truth of God, and come to Meetings,

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confeſs to the Teſtimony, and profeſs it in the World, and are yet Unſanctified and Unregenerated, and ſo have no part nor lot in this bleſſed matter of Life Eternal! What can you hope for from the hand of the Lord at the hour of your Death and day of your Judgment? Will not God remember unto you the Day of your Viſitation, his Strivings, his Waitings, his Long-ſuffering? How often he would have gathered you, that you might have inherited Subſtance? *Awake, Awake*, ye *Senſual*, ye *Earthly-minded Profeſſors of the Truth*, that Chriſt Jeſus may give you Life! for I may ſay with the Apoſtle, and that *Weeping*, too, *There are too many unworthy of the great Favour and Mercy of God in this Day, who under all their pretences to Religion, walk in the way of thoſe, whoſe God is their Belly, who Glory in their Shame, &c. who mind Earthly things, purſuing uncertain Riches, and truſting in their Store, if redeem'd from ſcandalous things, yet abounding too much in more hidden Evils, Envy, Covetouſneſs, High-mindedneſs, medling in other Folks matters, out of the Watch, out of the Croſs, that crucifieth the Fleſh, yet delivers the Spirit to ſerve God in the Newneſs of Life.* Oh! as one knowing the Terrors of the Lord, let me perſwade you, while it is to day, to hear his Voice, his living Word, that *cleanſes the Young Man's Way*; And *believe in the Light, whilſt you have the Light, that you alſo may be the Children of the Light, in which the Nations of them that are ſaved muſt walk, leſt it paſs away from you, and the Night overtake you, in which the Works of Peace cannot be wrought!* O *Friends!* your Doom will be moſt Diſmal, your End the moſt Terrible of all others, that are called, and would not make your Calling ſure, that knew the Maſter's Will, and would not do it: Will not he make ſuch of the Synagogue of Satan, who are not *Jews* inward

inward, neither of that Circumcision that is of the Spirit in the Heart and Ear, whose praise is not of Men, but of God? For it is just with God, to give such up to *strong Delusions*, and to *commit sin with Greediness, who hold the Truth in Unrighteousness, and profess it in their own Spirits, not in the Spirit and Power of God; whose Tongues are their own, whose Wills and Affections are their own, and under the Profession of Truth, can give them their Swing.* Such as these become the Subjects of *Satan's Devices*, and too often by a loose Conversation, or High-mindedness and Unsubjectedness cause Grief, and give great Trouble to the Churches of Christ; for many may never leave the Profession of Truth, that yet may be Troublers of the Peace of *Jerusalem* here, and Vessels of *Wrath* hereafter: Be therefore warned, ye foolish Virgins, ye vain Professors of the Truth! In the Fear and Dread of God, I send this Caution to you, that ye may *Repent, and do your first Works*, else be assured, *That in the Day of his Winnowing, you shall go to the Chaff, and the Wind of his Fury shall drive you from the Joy of his Presence forever:* Therefore receive my Counsel in the Love of God; be faithful to his Truth, wait and watch in it, that you may be delivered in the hour of Temptation: It will tye your Tongues, limit your Desires, bound your Affections, order all your Steps aright: It will make you *Humble*, so God will teach you; and *Meek*, so will he guide you in Judgment, and clothe you with Salvation. I have a Travail upon my Soul, and my Spirit is pained for you! I would have nothing lost, but the *Son of Perdition*: I would have you all gathered, and nothing cast away that is called of *God*; Yea, a greater than all would have all come to the Knowledge of the Truth, as it is in Jesus, and be

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ſaved. This I ſend you as a **Farewell** to you, in the Name and Power of the God of my Salvation, and in ſo doing am I clear of you all.

Your True Friend,

William Penn.

A Viſitation to the Enquiring.

YE are the Workmanſhip of God as well as I, and he hath made us for an end of Glory to himſelf; Let us ſee, ſearch and try, how we anſwer it? Ye have Souls as well as I, and you muſt give an Account as well as I; for we muſt all Dye and come to Judgment: Turn in therefore, and ſee how it ſtandeth betwixt you and your *Judge*; for by *Jeſus Chriſt*, the *Light of the World*, will God judge all Men. Therefore with the Light of Chriſt, which is within you, judge your ſelves, that you may not be judged: Put away the Evil of your Doings; Love the Light, come to it, walk in it, and it will give you a ſight of the Spirit of this World, and the Fruits of it, from the Spirit of God, and the Fruits thereof; by which you will receive an Underſtanding of him that is true, whom if ye receive, you ſhall live in him that is true, and he will give you Power to become the Children of God, born not of Fleſh and Blood, but of the Incorruptible Seed, Word and Will of God: O hear his Voice, that you may be his Sheep; let him go before you, and do you follow him, & he will give unto you Eternal Life. O ye Hungry and Thirſty Ones, that want, ſeek and cry for Eternal Life! 'Tis his *Light within* that reveals Life and Immortality! And if it ſhould be ſaid, *Can any good come*

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out of Nazareth? *Can such a Day of small things bring Salvation?* I say, Oh, *Come and see*; for we who have believed, have seen his Glory to be that of the *only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and full of Truth*: He is the good *Samaritan*, the *Physitian of Value*; he cureth our Diseases, he healeth our Breaches, he leads us in the Wayes of Pleasantness, and in the Paths of Peace; There are *Riches* in his *Reproaches*, and a *Crown* in his *Cross*. Remember who desired Eternal Life, and what hindred! Therefore give up all when he calls, and follow him fully. Out of him the Enemy is too strong for you, but in him you are too strong for the Enemy: Therefore wait in the Light of Christ, and watch against him: This is painful to *Flesh* and *Blood*, which must not inherit the Kingdom; but it brings the Soul into the Liberty of the Sons of God, where the Peace of God, and the Joy of his Salvation flow, as a pure River that is never dry. Oh! that you may have *Eternal Life*, that you may not miss of your Desire through the subtil working of the Enemy of your Souls, that seeks to divert you from the right way of God by many stumbling Blocks; but be not offended in him, that he may bless you: And remember, *That all things are* Possible *with him, with whom we have to do; for all Power in Heaven and Earth is given him that hath enlightned you*: Therefore do not murmur, do not despond, do not presume; but hearken to his Voice, in whom the Prince of this World hath no part, and he will give you Power to resist him. And remember, *That to them that Overcome, shall be given a New Name, & they shall have right to eat of the Tree of Life, that stands in the midst of the Paradise of God.* My God shed abroad his *Love* abundantly in your Hearts, to the love and obedience of the Truth, that you may all be saved in the Day of the Lord, in whose visiting Love I bid you all *Farewell.*

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Your Well-wishing Friend,

W. P.

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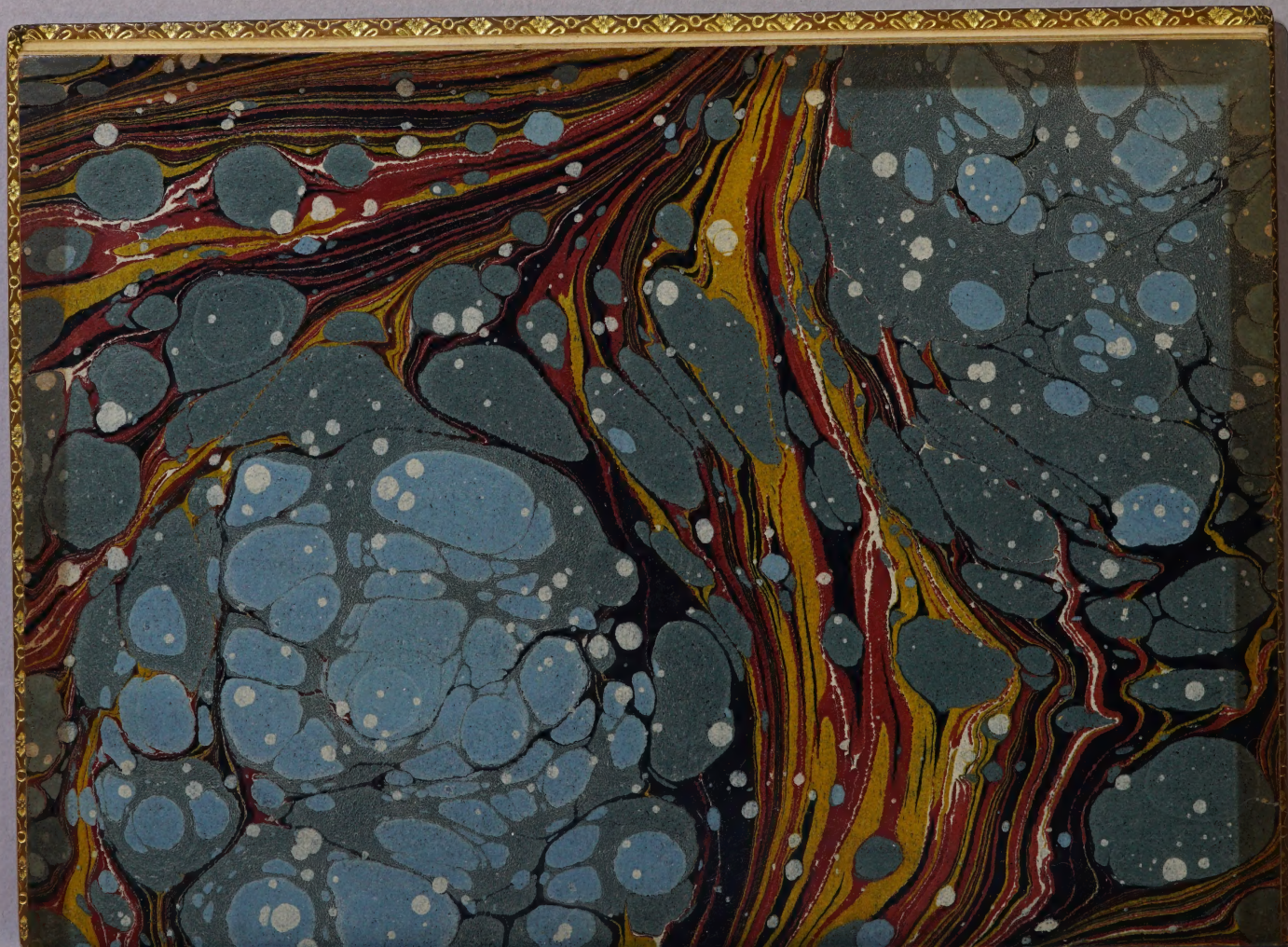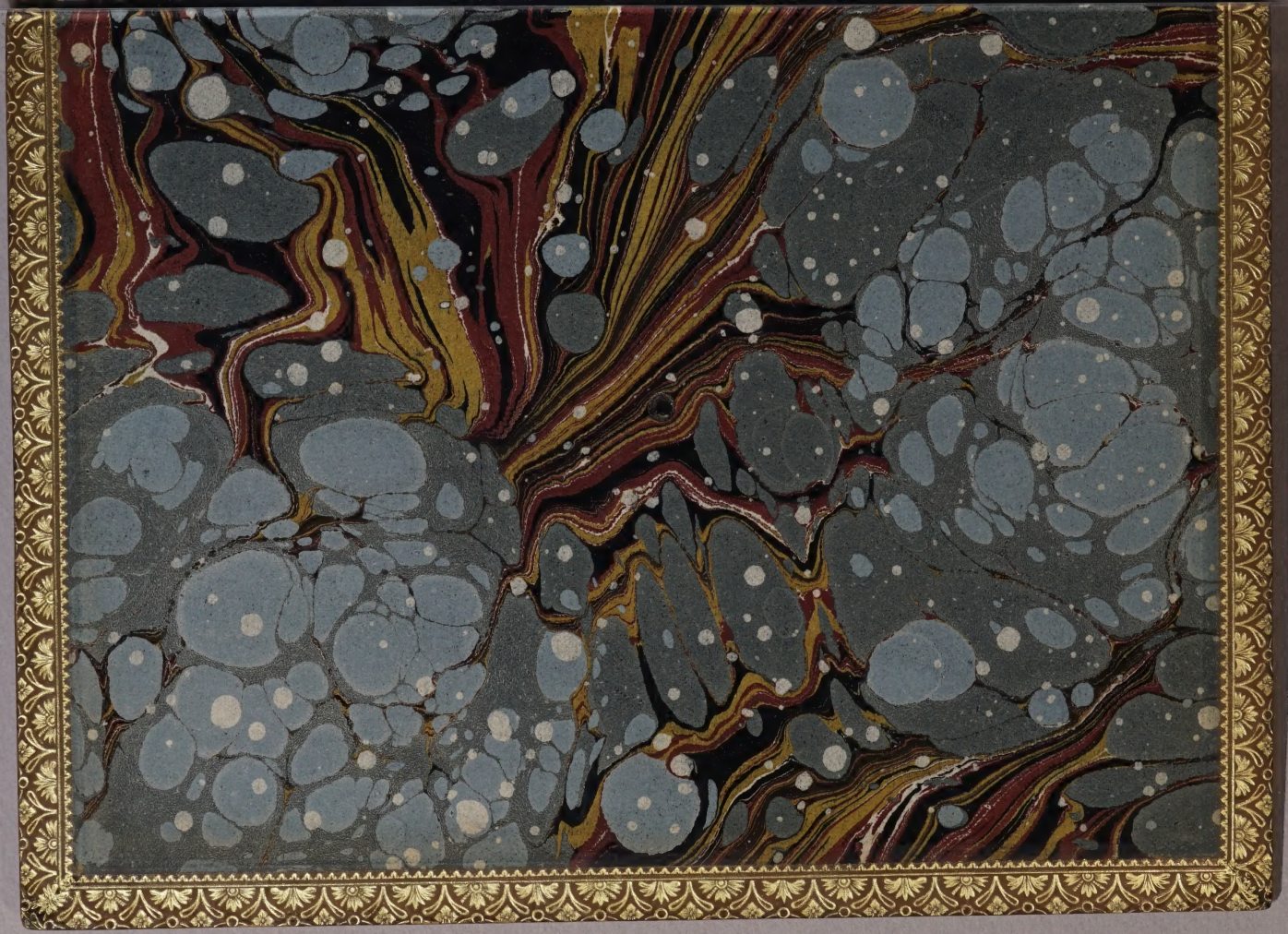
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